

**William Short to Thomas Jefferson, April 28, 1808,
from the Thomas Jefferson and William Short
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Dear Sir

You will find inclosed the chain & seal. Chauron had several fresh from Paris as he told me, a tout ce qu'il y a de plus nouveau. He & myself selected half a dozen that we thought the handsomest which I brought to Mrs. Elwyn, & out of them she chose the one sent. By means of this epuritory process I hope it will merit the approbation of the person for whom you obtain it. Candor obliges me to say however that one of our Ladies of Virginia who was accidentally present would have preferred another, but as she stood alone in her vote, I adopted, in this instance, that of the majority. I do not however think it the best mode on all occasions of making a proper decision. The seal is the newest to the model you indicated of any I could find. The price is marked-18 doll. for the chain & 2 for the seal. The chain is or fin de Paris-& for this country, I think it cheap.

I called on Voigt but did not find him. I mentioned my business to one of his young men & requested Mr. Baird to let me know what was the amount of his charge, that I might pay it. He came & informed me that Mr. Voigt said he had no charge against you. The repair was comprehended in his former work as he engages always to keep the watch in order for a twelvemonth.

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It is said here that despatches from England have passed through this place for Government. Conjecture is alive & last evenings paper says Congress are to remain a week longer in session. I should regret it on your account, as I know your wish to be at Monticello. When there I will thank you to see that Price gets the letter I left with you, as I directed him to answer it immediately.

I am with sentiments of perfect respect, Dear sir, your friend & servant. WShort

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